

POST CHRISTMAS SEASON / NACHWEIHNACHTZEIT

New Year's Eve: Silvesterabend (der 31. Dezember)

New Years Eve custom: Silvesterabendsitte
typical beverages: Silvestergetränke

heated wine with cinnamon (white) der Glühwein

German word of the day: Der Glühwein



In Germany, there are few things that evoke the winter spirit better than sipping warm Glühwein amid frosty temperatures and dark days.

Glühwein, or mulled wine, is a traditional hot drink made with red wine and various spices, including citrus, cinnamon, star anise, cloves, and vanilla. It can be served both alcoholic or non-alcoholic.

When served in the latter category in Germany, it's usually called "Kinderpunsch" or children's punch. To the contrary it's sometimes served with extra alcohol, or "mit Schluss", usually a shot of rum and sometimes other types of hard alcohol.